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SOCIAL CALENDAR

The Stake M. I. A., in collaboration with other organizations, has prepared the following calendar of events for the 1937-1938 season:

October, 1937:

* 8th, Friday: Grand Ball opening M.I.A. Season for Stake, at Berkeley Ward Chapel, Vine and Walnut Streets.
15th, Friday: Stake Genealogical Party, Oakland Chapel, Moss Avenue.

November, 1937:

5th, Friday: Sunday School Stake and Ward Officers and Teachers Party, place to be announced.
6th, Saturday: Fathers' and Sons' Outing, place to be announced.
*24th, Wednesday: Thanksgiving Ball (Utah-Idaho Ball), Scottish Rite Temple, Oakland.

December, 1937:

3rd, Friday: Stake Primary Pageant, Berkeley Chapel, Vine and Walnut Streets.
10th, Friday: Oakland Stake Boy Scout Rally, Oakland Chapel, Moss Ave.
*19th, Sunday: Stake Music Festival, Moss Avenue, Oakland.
31st, Friday: Stake New Year's Eve Grand Ball, Berkeley Chapel, Vine and Walnut Streets.

January, 1938:

14th, Friday: Seventies' Party, Oakland Chapel, Moss Avenue.
21st, Friday: Stake M-Men—Gleaner Girl Party, place to be announced.

February, 1938:

* 4th, Friday: Formal Stake Dinner-Dance, Athens Athletic Club, Oakland.
11th, Friday: Boy Scout-Beehive Girls Party, Berkeley Chapel, Vine and Walnut Streets.

March, 1938:

**11th, Friday: ANNUAL STAKE GREEN AND GOLD BALL, Scottish Rite Temple, Oakland.
17th, Thursday: Annual Stake Relief Society Party, place to be announced.
25th, Friday: Stake Explorers — Junior Girls Party, Oakland Chapel Moss Avenue, Oakland.

April, 1938

* 8th, Friday: Stake Presentation of the four Winning One-Act Plays, Berkeley Chapel, Vine and Walnut Sts.
Date to be announced: Junior Festival, Place to be announced.

May, 1938:

3rd, Tuesday: Ward Honor Day.
6th, Friday: Stake Swarm Day, place to be announced.
12th, Thursday: Stake Honor Day, Oakland Chapel, Moss Avenue.

July, 1938:

* 23 and 24, Saturday and Sunday: Pioneer Day Celebration. Place to be announced.

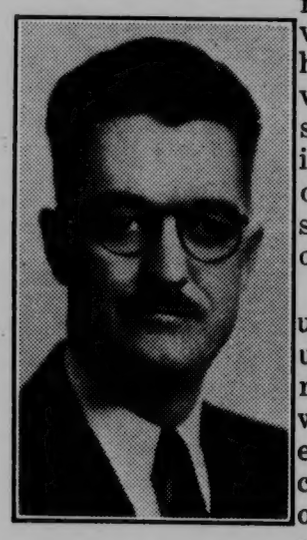
* Special attention is invited to the events starred.

SIGNIFICANCE OF RESTORATION

By PRESIDENT EUGENE HILTON

(Editor's Note—Following is the address delivered over a national hookup of the Columbia Broadcasting System on Sunday, August 1st. President Hilton has been the recipient of a great amount of "fan mail" from all over the North American continent as a result of this splendid discourse. By reason of numerous requests and in order to make it available to every member of the Oakland Stake, The Messenger takes pleasure in publishing it in full.)

It is almost a truism in America that people who earnestly believe that they have a message of vital importance unto others should, so long as willing listeners can be found, seek to explain their beliefs. The far-reaching nature of the message of the restoration of truth, which Latter-day Saints have proclaimed for well over a century, is such that we still feel impelled to proclaim it out of joy in its possession and sincere love of our fellowmen.



President Hilton

When the Master triumphantly entered Jerusalem, he was, as readers of the Bible will remember, acclaimed by the multitude of common folk. The jealous Pharissees, observing the praises that were sounded, demanded of Jesus that he silence the throng. You will recall that he answered: "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace the stones would immediately cry out." In similar mood we feel impelled to proclaim, even though in humility the cause of our joy and thanksgiving.

No Ulterior Motive

We ask you, at the outset to disabuse your minds of any suspicion of an ulterior motive on our part in bringing this message to you. Were we not actuated by an ardent desire to do unto you as would that you, under similar circumstances would do unto us, we would devote our time and energies to other of the many lines that beckon at every turn.

As a people we share with others many truths which are readily acceptable to all believers. It is not upon this common ground that I would dwell today, but rather upon a phase of the Mormon point of view which is truly distinctive and which has such tremendous implications for our troubled age.

In the title of this talk the term "restoration" is used. What does it mean? As commonly understood, it mean to bring back, to replace. A thing or a truth cannot be restored to a place where it had not formerly been. To Latter-Day Saints it has the same meaning that Paul gave it when he foretold "the time of the restitut-

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STAKE WELCOMES UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The beginning of each new school year brings many new faces among us in search of higher learning. Oakland stake cordially welcomes all new students of our faith as well as the many older ones who have returned, and invites them all to participate in its services and activities through affiliation with the various wards in which they may chance to be located.

L. D. S. representation on the campus is becoming larger each year, for the University of California is proving an attractive place for students in a wide variety of fields. This year there are more than 115 who have indicated in their registration their affiliation with the Church. There are in addition many others who come from the Rocky Mountain states who will undoubtedly be interested in our activities.

Of the number who have definitely expressed their affiliation with the Church the great majority are working in the graduate division and have a prior experience which gives them a background of which to be proud. They will undoubtedly contribute greatly to our wards and to the Stake program.

Following are those who are working toward higher degrees at the University of California, together with their present degrees and the institutions at which they received them:

M. Wells Jakeman received his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah, and an M. A. from the University of Southern California. His work for his Doctorate is almost complete in the field of archeology. Several of Mr. Jakeman's articles, on the origin of the American Indian, have been published in the earlier issues of the Messenger. Jay V. Beck received a B. A. in 1933 and an M. A. in 1936 from the Brigham Young university. He is a member of the faculty of the Dixie Junior College, in St. George, Utah, and is attending the University during his sabbatical leave. His field is social science.

Orral S. Luke was graduated from the Idaho University with an A. B. in 1928, and took out his Master's degree in 1936 from the University of Utah. He has taught school for several years in Idaho and is now working for a Doctorate in field of education. Dilworth Jenson took his Master of Science degree from the University of California in 1936 and is working for a Doctorate in the field of etomology. He will be remembered for his able service as Deseret Club president last year.

Edward H. McDonald received his Bachelor of Science degree at Utah State Agriculture College, and his M. S. from the University of California, in 1925. His selected field is education. Ross S. Bean, who has been connected for several years with the University in Hawaii, took his Bachelor of Arts degree at Brigham Young University, and is now working here toward a higher degree in plant nutrition.

Oliver S. Walsh, a University of Utah graduate of 1934, took his M. A. there in

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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Ward Teachers' Message
October
RESPECT FOR PRIESTHOOD AND ITS AUTHORITY

To the Latter-day Saints has been given one of the greatest gifts ever accorded mankind—the Holy Priesthood—which is the authority given to men, young men, and boys to officiate on earth in the name of God.

It has been estimated that if those holding the Priesthood were distributed among the people of the earth, those with divine authority wolud equal only about one to each ten thousand of population.

Unfortunately many of those who, by ordination, have received the Priesthood have forfeited its authority and are, therefore, without power or ability to exercise its functions. This reduces the number who hold the Priesthood, and by reason of faithfulness and activity, are with full authority to act under divine approval to an even lower ratio.

To be given authority to act in the name of our Heavenly Father, in even the humblest of callings in the Church, is a privilege and blessing which should be more highly prized than any earthly honors or possessions. Truly the Priesthood is a "pearl of great price," a blessed honor, and a gift which has been bestowed upon an exceedingly small number of the earth's inhabitants.

A realization of the powers and authority of the Priesthood should imbue every person holding it with deep respect for its sacred responsibilities. This realization should cause every person holding the Priesthood so to order his life that this great privilege shall not be forfeited, or that the glorious blessings which its full enjoyment brings shall not be withdrawn.

Those who are not privileged to hold the Priesthood, this blessing being reserved for male members only, but who are helpmeets, companions, and associates of those who do, should manifest the same respect and reverence for this great gift from God, which blesses male and female alike through its ministrations and its operations in the Church.

We are a blessed people. We should make every effort to retain our blessings and privileges by respecting the Priesthood of God, which is the ultimate source, not only of all our gifts and blessings, but of our very existence.

HIGH COUNCIL, MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER

Alameda: William J. Nielsen, Robert T. Paine.
Berkeley: Nathan G. Tolman, Oscar Fontano.
Dimond: Victor C. Linblad, George F. Badoun
Elmhurst: Don C. Wood, Ross Mclellan.
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Martinez: Ray H. Fisher, E. J. Partington.
Oakland: John J. Kest, Glenn Elliott.
Richmond: Claude M. Dewsnup, Elmo Carr.
Vallejo: Don J. Allphin, Orland Olsen.

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

There remain only three months of the year 1937. It would seem a fitting time to pause and inventory our accomplishments of the first nine months, then take a deep breath, grit our teeth and enter the home stretch with a determination to make the little time remaining count for good

In doing so we should bear in mind the Lord and what He expects of us. We particularly call your attention to His law of tithing. His work cannot go on without necessary financial support,—and if each of us would obey this law it would cease to be a burden on any of us, and there would be enough to take care of all His needs without special appeals for this and that.

It is not enough to give only of one's time to His cause. This is made clear in no uncertain terms in modern revelation:

> "And I say unto you, if my people observe not this law, to keep it holy, and by this law sanctify the land of Zion unto me, that my statutes and my judgements may be kept thereon, that it may be most holy, behold, verily I say unto you, it shall not be a land of Zion unto you."

It has long been said that to touch a man's pocket book is to touch his most vital spot. True it is, we believe, that it is one of the greatest tests of a man's faith to give unselfishly an honest tithing.

The reports of the various wards for the first six months of this year disclose that the **amount** of tithing by 14%, and that the number of tithepayers has increased by 8.4% over the same period of 1936.

There is cause for gratification in this, but even so, only 18.4% of the Stake membership is represented on the tithing roll. This is not enough. We earnestly urge upon you all that you take this message personally to heart. Examine your personal record and your consience and then do your part in the remaining three months to bring the membership of the Oakland Stake into line with the Lord's commandment.

Sincerely your Brethren,
EUGENE HILTON
W. GLENN HARMON
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS

OAKLAND WARD CONDUCTS TEACHER-TRAINING CLASS

Superintendent Vinal Mauss of Oakland Ward Sunday School announces that all members of the Stake interested in an intensive course in teacher-training are invited to attend the classes in that subject sponsored by the Oakland Ward Sunday School and held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P. M. I. B. Ball is the teacher in charge.

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1936, and is specializing in the field of botany. Zoe R. Palmer received her bachelor degree from the University of California in 1932, and her M. A. two years later. She is working toward a higher degree in the field of political science.

William Hatch is in the field of agricultureal economics with a B. S. from Utah State Agriculture College in 1934 and an M. S. from the University of California in 1935. Lewis E. Roland, also from Utah State, received his B. S. in 1928 and his M. S. in 1930. He is also in the field of agricultureal economics.

Eldon Gardner, working toward a higher degree in zoology, received his masters degree from Utah State Agriculture College in 1935. Doris Farr is working toward a higher degree in physics after her undergraduate work at Utah State. R. Telford, working in the field of anatomy, received a B. A. degree in 1931, and in 1933 completed an M. A. at the University of Utah.

Other students in the graduate division working toward Masters and Doctorate degrees, with their respective degrees and institutions follow: John N. Abersold, B. S., 1927, U. S. A. C.; Dale Bennion, B. S., 1927, agriculture and education; Clifton D. Boyack, A. B., B. Y. U., 1936, education; William S. Boyle, B. S., B. Y. U., 1937, botany; Charles A. Caine, A. B., U. of U., 1932, bacteriology; Philip Carlquist, A. B., U. of U., 1935, public health; Sheldon D. Erickson, A. B., U. of Utah., 1934, economics; Eugene Gardner, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1935, physics; Anna Golding, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1916, home science; Joe Eyring, A. B., B. Y. U., 1933, agricultureal economics.

Lee R. Jeppson, B. S., B. Y. U., 1931, etomology; Lynn W. Kloepfer, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1935; L. Elbert Heaton, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1937., agricultureal economics; Clyde E. Stewart, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1935, agricultureal economics; Madge Middleton, B. A., U. C. L. A., 1936, English; William E. Morrell, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1933, chemistery and education; Hugh Nibley, A. B., U. C. L. A., 1934, history; De Lore Nichols, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1917; Richard W. Owens, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1937, agricultureal economics; William C. Price, A. B., U. C. L. A., 1937, law; Robert G. Prout, B. S., U. S. A. C., 1935, botany.

Marce Ricks, B. S., U. C., 1937, agricultureal chemistry; Weston W. Taylor, A. B., U. of U., 1931, arricultureal economics; Keith Wansgard, B. S., B. Y. U., 1931, educational administration; Delores A. Thorson, A. B., U. S. A. C., 1933, political science.

The students in the undergraduate schools folow: Hyram Babcock, Burton F. Barrows, Thomas H. Beaty, Richard B. Bennion, Bernice Bigelow, John E. Bowers, William F. Boyer, Helen Caine, Mildred Cardwell, Vivian Chabrier, Thomas J. Clark, J. Clawsen, Gordon Coltrin, E. Boyd Cole, Gertrude Daniels, John Deal, James Dean, Le Deane Dorrough, Alan Douglas, Jule Dranby.

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beginning until now. Particularly is this evident from the time of the Reformation to the actual restoration of the Gospel in our age. Thus we see the purposes behind the development of printing, the expansion of learning during the renaissance, the invention of rapid transportation and communication, the expansion of man's knowledge of the world by discovery and invention, the enlightenment of man's minds and the development of ideals of liberty and freedom. All these played their part in fitting the world and preparing a place and a people who would be hospitable to the newly restored truth.

Conclusion

Prominent in this plan was the discovery of America. Here was new soil, and a favorable location where a people might be prepared to receive the truth unincumbered by the hindering conditions of the Old World. The very discovery of the New World, as recounted in the Book of Mormon, was, we believe accomplished through the direct inspiration of Providence. Likewise, the final success of the freedom loving English in North America contributed to the establishment of principles of liberty and freedom which God was able, in the new nation—the United States of America—to make more fully operative in the glorious and heaven inspired Constitution of our country. Here then to this new nation, in this chosen land with the principles of freedom and liberty operating, God sent his chosen servants who in due time heard his voice and carried forward successfully the mighty work which was destined to become established in America and to go out from here by swift messengers to all mankind.

Further significance of the glorious restoration is seen in that it serves to replace the doubts and skepticism of a confused age with faith in the certainty of victory for the cause of right. It holds aloft a light to throw its beckoning rays out to all who love the truth. It provides a beacon which if heeded will guide humanity away from the dangerous shoals and reefs which now threaten civilization to the haven of peace, of progress and security.

The restoration becomes then, to those who have glimpsed its greatness truly the "pearl of great price" which, as recounted in the Master's parable, the wise merchant received with joy and sold all that he had in order to possess it. The invitation to participate in this great movement is presented today as in former times to all who love the truth and enjoy its light.

Belief of L. D. S.

As Latter-day Saints we believe that we are living in a most wonderful age, and are participating in a great and marvelous work. We hope the honest hearted people everywhere will have the insight and courage to recognize it for what it announces itself to be. To us, it gives light, courage and hope for a better world, a world in which men shall yet live in peace, a world in which justice and truth shall come into their own.

It is our firm belief that God has overruled and will continue to overrule all that takes place for the ultimate good and advancement of this cause. As the Mormon poet Orson F. Whitney expresses it:

"Whos'er hath swayed, or yet shall sway
the world,
By tongue or pen, by sword or sceptered
rule,
Hath served, or yet shall serve, the sovereign aim
Of Him who wills the welfare of mankind;
For or against, promoting still His plan,
Helping, not hindering, a conquering
Cause."

AUGUST STATISTICS ON ATTENDANCE AND WARD TEACHING

In the belief that a composite picture will help the Ward leaders to visualize their problems and chart their comparative positions with reference to other wards, and in hope of stimulating a friendly rivalry that will materially better the record of all, The Messenger herewith publishes a comparative report of the wards for the month of August, 1937, and a summary showing a comparison with the Stake for the same period of last year.

It will be noted that although Stake membership has increased, average attendance at Sacrament meetings has dropped by 10, and that ward teaching has dropped from 43% to 33%.

From time to time hereafter similar statistics will be given. There is no excellence without labor, and labor to accomplish much, must be intelligently directed.

Ward	Sacrament Meetings		Melchizedek Priesthood		Aaronic Priesthood		Ward Teaching	
	Ward Membership	Average Attendance	Membership	Average Attendance	Membership	Average Attendance	Families In Ward	Families Visited
Alameda	195	52	29	9	12	8	62	56 %
Berkeley	656	117	111	45	55	24	174	0 %
Dimond	545	138	106	45	51	22	112	16 %
Elmhurst	627	114	95	37	48	16	216	60 %
Hayward	216	53	29	10	22	6	64	23 %
Martinez	334	56	48	8	12	3	78	32 %
Oakland	578	99	90	28	37	25	124	36 %
Richmond	206	43	19	9	14	3	75	27 %
Vallejo	271	34	33	20	12	3	80	5 %
Totals & Pct.	3628	715	560	211	283	110	975	33 %
Totals & Pct. Aug. 1936	3387	725	509	195	469	114	925	43 %

Genealogical Convention October 24th

A Stake convention of the Genealogical Society will be held at the Oakland Chapel Sunday, October 24th. There will be a visitor present from the general board, and the public is cordially invited.

Already under way are plans for a pilgrimage to the Arizona Temple for the week of April 9th to 17th, 1938. It is expected to have every priesthood quorum and auxilary in Wards and Stake represented by delegates. The committee in charge, whose chairman is George E. Southgate, suggests that the saving of $1.25 each week for the next 26 weeks will result in the accumulation of sufficient funds to pay an individual's expense. The pilgrimage will be for both juniors and seniors. The committee urges that a proper family record in each home will add materially to the pleasure and the work accomplished on the pilgrimage.

Elder Melvin J. Ballard made a recent address upon the relationship of Temple work to the Chucrh security program. He pointed out that there are great numbers of aged people who would find much joy in Temple work, most of whom live near Temples. He urged the furtherance of projects to provide suitable living quarters for elderly people engaged in this work who do not live near Temples and who thereby might have the benefits of home life while doing this wonderful work. He stressed the advantage of this most congenial and satisfying employment over the usual life of idleness in old folks' homes normally provided by state and county government. Undoubtedly as a result of his recommendations and the work of the Church Security Committee, this phase of the committee's work will assume a considerable importance.

PRIMARY BOARD FULLY ORGANIZED

For the first time since the organization of a Stake in the bay region, the Stake Primary Board has been completely organized, every position filled. This is fundamentally the result of, and a splendid tribute to the untiring and inspiring efforts of Superintendent Mary Randall.

The Board membership is as follows: Superintendent, Mary Randall; 1st assistant, Mavis Humphries; 2nd assistant, Anabelle Hart; secretary, Esther Cooley; organist, Miets Van Noy; chorister, Therese Simms; play leader, Annette Wood; seagulls and guides, Leona Sprague; bluebirds and trekkers, Della Swenson; larks and blazers, Rose Ogden.

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ion of all things." To accomplish this modern restoration, we believe that the heavens have been reopened and that divine things have come again unto men and have communictated unto us the will of God for our enlightenment and blessing. This we believe is the fulfillment of the Revelator John's vision of what would happen the latter-days when he says: "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell upon the earth."—(Rev. 14:6.)

A Great Claim

This announcement of the restoration presents, as you will note, a tremendous claim. Yet, just as Paul asked the wondering Agrippa "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead?" so we repeat the query: Since God has spoken from the beginning through his prophets, why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that he should continue to do so? Is it not rather inconsistent to assume that he would change in his manner of dealing with men?

Even though some of you listen are among those who doubt that prophets have truly spoken in our day, let, for the time being at least, the possibility of such an occurrence dwell within your minds. What perchance, if the message is true? If it is, as Latter-day Saints sincerely believe it to be, then general acceptance of it would, in a word, result in the rejuvenation of every life that it touched and in the just and happy solution of the baffling problems which now distract mankind.

Restoration

In this great movement of which we speak, what was actually the restored? Analysis of the simple account of the visitation of the Father and the Son to the fourteen-year-old youth Joseph Smith makes is clear that connection was again restored by revelation between God and man. Through other heavenly messengers which came to the unlettered youth between the year 1820 when this first great vision was given, and the year 1844 when he was martyred for the testimony he bore, there was given an astounding array of truth and light. The many principles of Christ's gospel were restated and amplified and new witnesses for God were provided. Among the heavenly messengers who came were John the Baptist, and the Lord's three chief Apostles, Peter, James and John. They gave unto Joseph Smith and his companion Oliver Cowdery authority and instructions relative to setting up anew the Church of Jesus Christ. Among the Old Testament characters who brought to this chosen young man the keys which they anciently held were Moses, Elias, and Elijah. The ancient American prophet and soldier Moroni came and presented the sacred record of those who formerly inhabited this land. This last of the Nephites lived in America nearly 1100 years before its discovery by Columbus. He, it was who recorded the last sad account of an enlightened people who, through unrighteousness brought about their destruction. This sacred record—The Book of Mormon contains the vital truths which Christ taught when he visited America and instructed the people hereafter his resurrection at Jerusalem.

These messages and developments were, as will readily be seen, far reaching and vital. How were they presented unto man? Some of them came from heavenly spoken word direct from the heavenly beings to the Prophet Joseph Smith and in some cases to others who were in his company at the time. Others came through inspired translations of ancient records as was the case with the Book of Mormon and parts of the Pearl of Great Price. Numerous revelations which are now recorded in the Book known as the Doctrine and Covenants came through inspiration or direct revelation.

A Description

A description of how one of these revelations was received is givin in the following words of the scholar Parley P. Pratt who was present at the time: "Each sentence was uttered slowly and distinctly, and with a pause between each sufficiently long for it to be recorded by an ordinary writer in long hand. There was never any hesitation, reviewing or reading back, in order to keep the run of the subject, neither did any of these communications undergo revisions, interlings or corrections. As he dictated them so they stood." These translations, revelations and accounts of glorious visions are compiled in book form, and are available to anyone desiring to read them. In fact everyone is urged to do so. These scriptures, new to this generation take their places in the Curch of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with the Holy Bible as the revealed word of God, given at various times and in diverse ways for the enlightment and salvation of men.

Do these announcements appear new and unusual? So they are. Serious claims of such proportions as these cannot be passed off with a shrug. Investigators readily recognize the message of Mormonism as either startlingly genuine, or the most blasphemous hoax. Actually there is now, as was in the case in the early Christian dispensation, no middle ground upon which one may stand.

Cites Purpose

What is the central purpose of this great outpouring of truth in our day? The general purpose is, we believe, to lay foundation and make the necessary preparation for the reappearance of Christ the Lord to reign upon the earth. Obviously the earth and its inhabitants must be prepared for this momentous event. That which has happened serves to draw together and give meaning to all that has formerly been given in the dispensations which have passed from the beginning of the world until now. This is the fulfillment of the Biblical promise that God would, "in the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times" gather together in one all things in Christ both which are in heaven and which are on the earth. (Ephesians 1:9-10.)

This restoration provides a rallying point or standard to which all seekers after truth may turn. It issues a clear call to all who are willing to listen to God's great latter-day message to his children. All of these activities provide an organization and sets up a framework wherein the truth, which as the poet has said, is "forever on the scaffold" shall ultimately come into its own in glorious triumph over strife, error and unbelief.

Since the restoration, which we have been describing, embraces all truth it enables us to grasp the real significance of many of the major developments and events of history. Truth as understood by Latter-day Saints "is knowledge of things as they are, as they have been, and as they are to be". Thus we see the hand of God guiding the destinies and affairs of nations from the

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YOUNG WOMEN'S STAKE BOARD REORGANIZED

Helen S. Ream
President

Mary Dunham
1st Counselor

Mary Scott
2nd Counselor

Following the release of Trieste P. Hall, president, and her counselors, LaRee Tolman and Amy Anderson, all of whom have served faithfully for several years, the presidency of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association has been reorganized with Helen S. Ream of Elmhurst as president; Mary Dunham of Berkeley as first counselor, and Mary Scott of Dimond as second counselor.

The board, too, has been reorganized, and is complete except for the choice of a drama leader. Loa Hales Smith, who gave excellent service as secretary, has been transferred to take charge of the Junior department, from which Vera S. Crockett has been released. To succeed her as secretary, Maud Reiser of Elmhurst has been chosen. The new chorister is Orthella Hughes of Berkeley, who succeeds Esther C. Jensen, released because of her transfer to Salt Lake City. Norma Bryan of Oakland will remain as organist.

Laura Snow Johnson will carry on the gleaner department in place of Allie Dixon, released. Elsie Brown of Oakland remains as bee hive leader and Doris Braley Hansen in charge of the dance. The new senior leader is Doris Farr of Berkeley, and the new director of Era and publicity is Eloise Sims Orth, who succeeds Iola Smith.

The new organization, along with the Young Men whose complete roster will be accomplished by our next issue, has already been extremely active. A calendar of important Stake and Ward social functions for the year has been drawn up and is set forth on page 1. In addition the directors of publicity have for the first time compiled a directory of all Stake members. This directory will be used in conjunction with the Era drive and also as an invitation list for Stake parties. It will provide the nucleus for the mailing list by means of which the Messenger hopes soon to be able to reach every home in the Stake.

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DIMOND AND ELMHURST FILL MISSIONARY QUOTAS

For a few weeks only, since the return of Miss June Weindorf from her mission, Dimond Ward was below its missionary quota. But with the departure of Wendell T. Jackson for the Swiss-Austrian mission, Dimond again resumes its role along with Elmhurst as the banner wards in this branch of the service, with four missionaries in the field.

The testimonial honoring Elder Jackson was held in conjunction with a reception tendered to returning June Weindorf, just back from the north central states, and was held in Dimond Chapel September 17th. A splendid program, in which the Mormon Male Chorus was featured, was followed with a dance in the recreation hall. It had been fittingly decorated by the Relief Society. Elder Jackson has served faithfully as assistant ward clerk for two years and has accumulated a host of friend who wish him God-speed.

In our last issue, the Messenger published the foreign missionary which this Stake is expected to furnish. Based on a minimum of one missionary for each 150 people, it calls for 24 full time missionaries. Counting Elder Jackson, we have now reached one-half the quota. Only Elmhurst and Dimond wards have reached it. So that each ward may know how it stands we republish this quota, and will continue to do so from time to time.

	Membership	Missionaries	Quota
Alameda	195	0	1
Berkeley	656	2	4
Dimond	545	4	4
Elmhurst	627	4	4
Hayward	216	0	2
Martinez	334	0	2
Oakland	578	1	4
Richmond	206	0	1
Vallejo	271	1	2

MALE CHORUS ACTIVE

The Morman Male Chorus, under the direction of Robert Sant, have had an active month of missionary service during September. In addition to the regular semi-monthly radio program, which now comes at 5:45 on the first and third Sundays of each month over KROW, they have filled three other engagements. On September 17 they sang at the program commemorating the anniversary of the Constitution in the Oakland Auditorium. The same evening they sang at the missionary farewell tendered Wendell T. Jackson at Dimond. On September 29 they appeared before the Washington Parent-Teachers' Association in Berkeley. They are scheduled to appear in the Elmhurst conjoint program October 3rd.

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WARD NEWS

DIMOND

The Relief Society opened the season with a dancing party and bank opening Friday evening Sept. 3.

At the home of Mable Kitzberger Wednesday evening Sept. 8, the officers and teachers of the Primary gave a supper party honoring the retiring officers—Rose Clarke, Annabelle Hart, and Belle Cox. They were each presented with a lovely gift; and a delightful evening was enjoyed by the eighteen present.

Dale Eddington ond Edith McCollum were married in the Dimond Chapel Sunday afternoon Sept 12th by Clyde Summerhays. Following a reception at the bride's home, the young couple left for Yosemite for their honeymoon.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Olson was the scene of a pretty home wedding when their daughter, Lillian, became the bride of Vaughn Adamson. The ceremony was performed by Bishop R. O. Phelps before a few close friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

Mrs. Weindorf and her daughter, June, left for Salt Lake Friday Sept. 18th, they will be met by Junes fiance, Elmo R. Smith. Mr. Weindorf expects to join them in time for the wedding, which will take place Friday Sept. 24th in the Salt Lake Temple.

The Dimond Choir had the first party since their organization in the Dimond hall, Friday evening Sept. 24th. If you want a real good time, join the Choir.

OAKLAND

Mutual has again opened in the Oakland Ward with the following officers in charge:

For the Young Ladies: Wanda Chase, president; Afton Fielding and Mildred Allred, counsellors; Marie Burdett, Secretary; Dorothy Brown, Gleaners; Ella Ingham, Juniors; Dr. Mell Hart, Seniors.

And for the Young Men: Ray Shields, superintendent; Paul Holman, first assistant; Henery Wiffen, secretary; Garney Johnson, M. Men; John Shields, Adults.

The Relief Society officers this year include: Fanny Willey, president; Vera Mayhew and Eudora King, counselors; Hallie Nickerson, secretary.

Rulon and Edna Doxey spent their vacation in Utah.

Huey Nielson will attend the General Conference in Salt Lake. (We know the real attraction there is his new son whom he hasn't yet seen.)

Mildred Allred has returned from a vacation in Salt Lake City.

Marie Thomas was hostess at a luncheon announcing the marriage of Beulah Watts. Beulah was married last May 28th. to Ray Anderson. They will make their home in Oakland.

Emma Kirk spent the summer in Utah visiting her people.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Neering from the Salt Lake are visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Garney Johnson.

Mildred Evans entertained a group of her friends with a weiner roast in Sequoiah Park on Wednesday night. A very enjoyable time was reported.

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HAYWARD

The Relief Society opening Social was one of the best parties ever held in Hayward. During the evening Miss Weneeda Newmember was married to Mr. Opportunity Reliefsociety. A large crowd attended and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the evening.

Our Schoolma'am, Florence Warrens, returned from an extended trip through the east. We are very glad that she is back because her help is needed in the work out here.

Ruth Rounds returned from a visit to Utah.

The M. I. A. started with a bang, the opening social held on Sept. 14th. The young people turned out in a body so we know that the Mutual will go on this year in an acceptable manner. The corp of teachers is working hard preparing the lesson for the season, and people will be more than repaid through attending classes.

The Arthur Wells family is back from the northern part of the state where Mr. Wells was working.

Hugh Graham fell out of a pear tree, breaking three ribs, dislocating his pelvis, and suffering concussion of the brain. He is recovering.

Vacations are not over yet because Mike and Leona Webb and Earl and Marion Judd as well as Brigham and Lillis Hawes are in Utah enjoying the early fall.

RICHMOND

Allen Tidewell and his bride, the former Leah Orme are honeymooning in the middlewest after their wedding on September 21st in the Salt Lake Temple. They plan to make their home in Berkeley.

A record turn-out made the M. I. A. opening party on Sept. 14, a huge success. Swimming, dancing, and refreshments were the program of an evening of fun held at the Rod and Gun Club which was reserved through the courtesy of Leonard J. Aikens.

The new Mutual year opens with Blaine K. Hadock as superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. A. with Peter Gengler and Edmund Phelps as assistants and Jack Dewsnup as secretary. Naomi Layton is president of the Y. W. M. I. A. with Ellen Haddock and Lillian Morley as counselors and Nina Fawcett as secretary. We look forward to a successfully active year.

Ted Beard has returned from Salt Lake City where he was in a serious accident.

Miss Ruth Zuppaun of Ogden, formerly of Dimond Ward, was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dietliker. She is on her way east, via Panama, to become the bride of Richard G. Hubbell of Chicago.

Bishop George B. Burbage, formerly president of the Tahitian Mission, together with his family, has been visiting the Albert Dietlikers.

MARTINEZ

The officers and teachers of the Sunday School were entertained at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rohison, Sept. 10th. Each officer donated 50 cents and the funds collected will go towards buying of books for the S. S. Library.

The Relief Society held its opening party August 27th. A play "Imperfect Husbands" was presented by the members as part of the entertainment.

Lewis and Roberta Storey are vacationing in Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliot were speakers in our Sacrement meeting Sept. 19th. We were all very pleased to have these former Ward members with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby of Pittsburg were speakers at our Sacrament meeting Sept. 12th. Mrs. Kirby is a recent returned missionary, having labored in the California mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bernard and family spent last week end in San Rafael with relatives.

Cluade Wadsworth has returned from Ogden where he has been for the last several months.

Mrs. Wadsworth's father, of Ogden who has been visiting in the Bay District, has returned to Ogden.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jurgensen, Richmond, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Rogers, Elmhurst, a son, June 19, 1937.

BLESSINGS:

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robison, of Clyde (Martinez Ward), Sept. 5th.

ORDINATIONS:

Leo J. Perry Jr., Hayward, deacon, Sept. 5th.

MARRIAGES:

Dale Eddington and Edith McCollum, by President Clyde J. Summerhays, at Dimond, September 12th.

Vaughn Adamson and Lillian Olson, by Bishop Rufus O. Phelps, at Dimond.

Elmo R. Smith and June Weindorf, in the Salt Lake Temple, September 24th.

BERKELEY

The annual opening Mutual dance was held in the Berkeley Ward Amusement Hall Friday, September 17. An interesting program under the direction of Clifton Boyack was presented during the dancing intermission. The following Tuesday the first meeting of the M. I. A. was held. It was well attended.

Graduation exercises for the Seagull Class of girls in Primary took place Sunday evening, September 19.

Louis Fowlks, Newell Call, Sidney Feller, and Edward Caine spent the Labor Day holidays deep sea fishing near Monterey.

The many friends of Olga Lott and William Louis Fowlks are congratulating them on their recently announced engagement. The marriage will take place in the near future.

Mrs. Reed Gardner entertained in honor of her graduating Primary class at a very lovely Tea in her home, Sunday. Mrs. Leslie Stone assisted in entertaining. Mrs. V. S. Pierpont and Mrs J. E. Smith presided at the tea table. Mrs. Elgin Erickson, Mrs. LaVarn Thomas and Mrs. Betty Redmond assisted in the dining room. The guests included the graduating class and their mothers, the Beehive girls and the Mutual and Primary officers. The girls graduating were Lucile Southgate, Marjorie Wood, Patsy Maurer, Gloria Burgan, Aileen Latimer, Betty Redmond, Shirley Plummer, Shirley Stout, Elaine Sorenson and Elaine Peterson.

ELMHURST

Mrs. Charles Whitney and daughter Patty of Salt Lake City were visitors at the home of Mr. R. T. Cox.

Mr. & Mrs. Brown and family of Los Angeles were visitor at the home of their daughter Mrs. Lucille Brown.

Last month it was stated that Mrs. Irene Schatz was superintendent of the Y. W. M. I. A. Due to illness Mrs. Schatz has been released and Mrs. Edna Darton has been chosen as the new superintendent.

The young people of the Ward have organized a Sunday night discussion group. We are reading the book "The Way to Perfection." One hour is given to study after which light refreshment are served.

We held a very successful dance for the opening of the M. I. A. season. A contest was held for the collection of dues, the loser to give the winner a party. The ladies won.

We now have the Junior Geneological class for all those between the ages of 14 to 18. All the young people are urged to join the class.

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